

The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 314.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1883.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER.

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

PIANOS

A GREATLY INJURED, ESPECIALLY IN A TRYING CLIMATE LIKE THAT OF HONGKONG, by allowing them to drop out of Tune; the great Tension caused by tightening up the strings again being exceedingly trying.

A Good Instrument will probably last Twice as long in Hongkong, if kept constantly in Tune.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. having a thoroughly competent Tuner from BROADWOOD & SONS, keep Pianos in Tune and REPAIR at a MODERATE CHARGE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, 13th January, 1883. [296]

Insurances.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO. Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD OF AMERICAN and FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents, ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.) The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN Secretary. HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST. Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [81]

SCOTTISH UNION AND NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF EDINBURGH & LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

CAPITAL.....£6,000,000 STERLING. INVESTED FUNDS.....£3,000,000. ANNUAL INCOME.....£700,000.

The Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company and are prepared to GRANT FIRE INSURANCES at CURRENT RATES.

HESSE & Co. Hongkong, 1st January, 1882. [40]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$333,333-33. RESERVE FUND.....\$70,858-27.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS. LEE SING, Esq., Chairman. LEE YAT LAU, Esq., Vice-Chairman. LO YOK MOON, Esq., Secretary. CHU CHIK NUNG, Esq., Treasurer.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL. MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST. Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000-00. PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000-00. SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 290,553-95. TOTAL CAPITAL and Accumulations, 8th May, 1882.....Tls. 940,553-95.

DIRECTORS. H. DE C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman. J. H. PUCKERS, Esq., Vice-Chairman. A. J. M. INVERARITY, Esq., Secretary. G. H. WHEELER, Esq., Treasurer.

HEAD OFFICE.—HONGKONG. Messrs. RUSSELL & Co. Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH. Messrs. MARING BROTHERS & Co., Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent, 68 and 69, Cornhill, E.C.

Policies granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World. (Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for Interest on Shareholders' Capital; all the Profits of the Underwriting Business are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business (whether Shareholders or not) in proportion to the premium paid by them.)

RUSSELL & Co. Agents. Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [183]

J. M. GUEDES.

HOUSE AND LAND BROKER, AUCTIONEER, AND COMMISSION AGENT. No. 11, WELLINGTON STREET, HONGKONG. Hongkong, 15th January, 1882. [5]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY,

the 29th January, 1883, at 3 P.M., on the Premises, THE HOUSE No. 127, Praya Central and HOUSE No. 62, Wing Lok Street, measuring North and South 14 feet, East and West 100 feet. Yearly Crown Rent \$24.68. Held for 999 years from the 18th May, 1867. For Particulars, apply to

J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 26th January, 1883. [97]

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

QUARTS.....\$22 per Case. PINTS.....\$23 per Case. Apply to

MELCHERS & Co. Hongkong, 2nd March, 1882. [8]

TO SPORTSMEN.

FOR SALE AT LESS THAN COST. OWING TO OWNER LEAVING THE COLONY.

1 Silk-lined RACING SADDLE. RACING WHIPS with Silver Mounts.

The above, which are ALL NEW, may be seen at the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE and will be Sold at BARGAIN. Hongkong, 2nd November, 1882. [12]

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE AND PORTER.

DAVID CORSAIR & SONS' MERCHANT NAVY NAVY BOILED LONG FLAX CROWN CANVAS. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [458]

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.

SHIPCHANDLERS, STORE-KEEPERS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS, PRAYA CENTRAL.

HAVE RECEIVED EX LATEST ARRIVALS.

AMERICAN CAST STEEL SHOVELS. PICKS.

AXES.

HATCHETS. ENGINEERS' & HOUSEHOLD HAMMERS. PATENT BIT-BRACES. AUGER-BITS.

DRILLS. GIMBLETS. SQUARES.

PATENT BRASS PADLOCKS & CHEST LOCKS. MRS. PORT'S PATENT SADIrons. COOKING STOVES.

FAIRBANK'S SCALES. FORCE PUMPS FOR SHIPS' USE. DRILLING MACHINES.

BREAST DRILLS, AUTOM. BORING TOOLS.

ANVILS, VICES, AND DRILLS COMBINED.

ANVILS.

VICES. HITCHCOCK'S PATENT LAMPS.

GLASS CUTTERS. SCROLL SAWS.

FAMILY GRINDSTONES. BLACKSMITHS' BELLROWS.

&c., &c., &c.

BEST WHITWORTH'S STOCK AND DIES. SCREW WRENCHES.

PLANE IRONS. CHISELS.

HAMMERS. PINNERS.

NIPPERS. DIVIDERS.

RULES. METAL SCISSORS.

METAL SAWS. TUBE EXPANDERS.

OIL-FEEDERS. OIL-CANS.

SALTER'S SPRING BALANCE SCALES. WESTON'S PATENT TACKLES.

PATENT SOCKETS. DISTRESS SIGNALS.

HOLMES' PATENT SIGNAL LIGHTS. FOGHORN.

SIGNAL LAMPS. LIFE BUOYS.

LIFE BELTS.

BOTTLE WASHING AND CORKING MACHINES.

&c., &c., &c.

SPARKLING SCHARZHOFFBERGER.

FLENSBURG STOCKBEER.

MARIENTHALER BEER.

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN CHAMPAGNE.

Hongkong, 7th October, 1882. [10]

G. FALCONER & CO.

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS AND JEWELLERS. NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS. No. 4, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Hongkong, 11th April, 1882. [145]

Intimations.

"NOVELTY STORE."

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

NOW SHOWING EX LATE ARRIVALS THE FOLLOWING NEW ARTICLES—

Electric Repeater Call Bells. Parisian Coffee Making Machines of New Style. Morocco, Russia Leather and Polished Steel Cigarette Cases. Parisian Vases of Majolica and Fine China Ware in elegant designs. Olive, Walnut and Ebony Wood Photo Frames of Assorted designs. Small Fire Proof Cash Boxes in Shape of a Safe with Secret Lock Arrangement. Unframed Oleographs and Chromo Lithographs of Assorted designs and Sceneries. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Card Cases of Morocco and Russia Leather with small Ivory Memo Slate. Fancy Embossed Initial Note Paper and Envelopes, any initial can be had. Fancy Japanese Stationery for Wedding and other Invitations. Endorsement Boxes and Endorsing Blue, Black and Red Inks. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Silk Umbrellas, Makes and Dominos. Clothes, Tooth and Hair Brushes in Assorted Patterns. Ebony Handle Sliding Aluminium Gold Penholders. Hendries', Gosnell's, &c., Perfumery, Soap, &c. Havana Cigars of Assorted Brands. Il Flor del Mondo Cigarettes, Kaiser-i-Hind Cigarettes, Duchess Cigarettes, Empress Cigarettes, Princess Cigarettes. All made of pure and choicest Turkish Tobacco. BINOCULARS AND OPERA GLASSES OF BEST MAKE.

S. MEYERS, MANAGER. Hongkong, 24th January, 1883. [28]

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO.

ARE SHOWING.

EX. REGENT ARRIVALS.

TINSELLED GRENADINES. LADIES' CHEAP COSTUMES. BROCADED SILKS. NOIRE SILKS. COLOURED SATINS. PLUSH VELVETS. COLOURED FLANNELS. WHITE FLANNELS. DIAPERS AND IRISH LINENS. TORCHON LACES.

AN ENTIRELY NEW STOCK OF WHITE AND CREAM LACES. INFANTS' EMBROIDERED CLOAKS. INFANTS' SILK AND SATIN HATS. CHILDREN'S BOOTS AND SHOES IN EVERY SIZE. LADIES' WHITE SATIN SHOES. COLOURED MALTESE BRAIDS. &c., &c., &c.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1883. [659]

W. BREWER.

PUBLIC CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

HAVING long felt the need of a PUBLIC CIRCULATING LIBRARY in Hongkong, I have determined, should a sufficient number Volunteer to Subscribe to it, to form a Library on the same basis as Circulating Libraries are formed in England, and from my Experience in such matters in England, I feel certain that I can form and conduct a Library satisfactorily to all. My Experience in the East Teaches me that the principal demand would be for LIGHT LITERATURE, and the Ordinary 3-Volume English Novels would therefore preponderate, at the same time Works of any interest on Science, Biography and Travel would find their place on the Library Shelves.

THE SUBSCRIPTION WOULD BE \$15 PER ANNUM FOR A SINGLE SET OF BOOKS.

Willing Subscribers will kindly send in their Names as early as possible in order that some estimate might be formed of the probable success of the Scheme.

W. BREWER, QUEEN'S ROAD. Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [703]

To be Let.

TO LET.

NO. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET. No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, lately occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY. No. 8, SEYMOUR TERRACE. No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE. No. 25A, PRAYA CENTRAL. Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, 17th January, 1883. [7]

TO LET.

A TWO STOREY HOUSE (6 Rooms) in Madras Junction. The above has Gas and Water laid on; and immediate possession can be had.

For Particulars apply to

D. NOWROJEE, Hongkong Hotel. Hongkong, 27th November, 1882. [18]

TO LET.

TWO HOUSES ON HIGH STREET.

Apply to

DE SOUZA & Co., or ON THE PREMISES. Hongkong, 2nd January, 1883. [35]

TO BE LET.

HOUSE No. 11, GAGE STREET.

Apply to

J. A. DE CARVALHO. Hongkong, 22nd January, 1883. [78]

D. K. GRIFFITH.

MANUFACTURER OF THE LONDON AERATED WATERS.

7, BEACONFIELD ARCADE, (Opposite the City Hall)

Having Purchased the entire Machinery of the late Mr. E. CHASTEL'S SODA WATER FACTORY is now prepared to execute the largest orders for every description of Aerated Waters with promptness and despatch.

SUPERIOR QUALITY GUARANTEED.

Consumers are invited to try these carefully Manufactured.

SPARKLING WATERS. THREE DOZEN FOR ONE DOLLAR.

All Orders and Communications should be addressed to The Factory, 7, BEACONFIELD ARCADE. Hongkong, 11th April, 1882. [145]

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, ARE NOW PREPARED TO RECEIVE OFFERS FROM SUITABLE PERSONS FOR A FIVE OR TEN YEARS LEASE OF THE HONGKONG HOTEL, AND FURNITURE COMPLETE.

This well known HOTEL is situated in the Queen's Road, Hongkong, within a few yards of the principal landing place in the Colony.

It is a large and commodious building, replete with every modern improvement and convenience. It contains an ELEGANT AND SPACIOUS BAR, A LARGE BILLIARD ROOM, READING ROOM, A DINING HALL to accommodate 170 Persons, FIFTY TWO BED ROOMS, TWO CAPITAL BOWLING ALLEYS, together with all the other necessities of a well appointed Hotel. It is the only First Class Hotel in the Colony, and is always patronised by a number of permanent boarders, consisting principally of Government Officials, Military and Naval Officers and their Families, &c.

It is at present under a Lease to Messrs. DORABEY and HING-KEE, which lease expires on the 15th October, 1883.

Applications to be addressed to THE CHAIRMAN, THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1883. [34]

INTERNATIONAL NOVELTY COMPANY.

KOOLANGSOO, AMOY, (CHINA)

IMPORTERS OF EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN NOVELTIES.

EMILE PFANKUCHEN, Manager.

F. D. GUEDES.

WINE MERCHANT AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

No. 15, D'AGUIAR STREET.

It is always on hand a large assortment of CHOICE WINES of the best quality, at Moderate Prices.

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1882. [663]

Amusements.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

SECOND SUBSCRIPTION SERIES. COMMENCING ON SATURDAY, 3rd February, 1883.

In deference to the wishes of a large body of Subscribers and the public generally the Directors beg to announce that the following Operas have been substituted for those previously advertised:

"FAUST" BY GOUNOD.

"RUY BLAS" BY MARCHETTI.

"IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA" BY ROSSINI.

"TONE" BY PETRELLA.

"SAFFO" BY PACINI.

"CONTESSA D'AMALFI" BY PETRELLA.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICES FOR 6 NIGHTS. Dress Circle.....for 3 Seats.....\$35.00. Dress Circle.....1 Seat.....\$15.00. Stalls.....3 Seats.....\$25.00. Stalls.....1 Seat.....\$10.00.

The Plan of the Theatre is now on view at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S, where Seats may be secured. Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [90]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

I HAVE This Day Resumed my Duties as SECRETARY to the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1883. [42]

NOTICE.

GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

I HAVE This Day RESUMED CHARGE of the Company's Station here.

C. A. SCHULTZ, Superintendent. Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [88]

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day PURCHASED the GOODWILL, WILL, AND STOCK-IN-TRADE of W. P. MOORE'S HAIR DRESSING SALOON, Hongkong Hotel. I trust to meet the same Patronage so Liberally Bestowed upon my Predecessor.

J. P. MARMANDE. Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [92]

IN reference to the above the Undersigned having disposed of his BUSINESS, takes this opportunity of returning his sincere thanks for the Liberal support he has received during the time he has been in Business.

W. P. MOORE. Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [92]

NOTICE.

I have THIS DAY PURCHASED under a Bill of Sale, the GOODWILL, PLANT, MACHINERY, STOCK-IN-TRADE, AND FIXTURES OF THE FIRM OF DE SOUZA & Co., PRINTERS, &c., of HONGKONG; and beg to intimate that I will carry on the BUSINESS under the same Name.

By strict attention, First-class Workmanship, and Moderate Charges I hope to merit the Patronage of the Hongkong public.

F. D. GUEDES. Hongkong, 13th December, 1882. [20]

Intimations.

WANTED for the Office of the CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED, at East Point, an Experienced BOOKKEEPER. To a thoroughly qualified person, a Liberal Salary will be given.

Applications to be addressed to THE MANAGER, CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD., East Point. Hongkong, 22nd January, 1883. [82]

WANTED.

BY THE ADVERTISER A SITUATION AS OFFICE ASSISTANT OR STORE-KEEPER.

Address—

M. E. G. Care of Hongkong Telegraph. Hongkong, 13th December, 1882. [19]

NOTICE.

THE GOLDEN SCISSOR. No. 13, POTTINGER STREET.

A. M. ROBIN (LATE OF T. M. LAWSON'S, CALCUTTA).

TAILOR, Shirt and Breeches Maker and General Outfitter. Mr. ROBIN invites Public Patronage and guarantees a perfect fit at Moderate Charges.

N.B.—Note the address. THE GOLDEN SCISSOR, No. 13, Pottinger Street. Hongkong, 8th December, 1882. [797]

DE SOUZA & CO.

PRINTERS, STATIONERS, AND BOOKBINDERS.

D'AGUIAR STREET.

EVERY KIND OF WORK EXECUTED WITH ACCURACY, NEATNESS, AND DESPATCH.

ON VERY MODERATE TERMS.

SELECTED MATERIALS FOR MARKET REPORTS.

Book-binding and Ruling in every style, executed at low rates. Workmanship Guaranteed.

Hongkong, 23rd August, 1882. [183]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR MANILA. THE Spanish Steamer "DON JUAN,"

Captain Marques, will be despatched for the above Port, on MONDAY, the 29th instant, at ONE P.M.

The above Vessel has Splendid Cabin Accommodation for First Class Passengers. For Freight or Passage, apply to

BRANDAO & Co. Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [91]

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY. THE Spanish Steamer "EMUY,"

Captain Reimontario, will be despatched for the above Ports, on MONDAY NEXT, the 29th inst., at FIVE P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

REMEDIOS & Co. Hongkong, 24th January, 1883. [85]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, (DIRECT.) THE Steamship

"ESMERALDA," Captain Wright, will be despatched for the above Port, on MONDAY, the 29th instant, at FIVE P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 24th January, 1883. [86]

FOR SAIGON. THE Steamship

"MADRAS," Captain Bradley, will be despatched for the above Port, on THURSDAY, the 1st February, at Six O'Clock P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

AH YON & Co., 80, Praya Central. Hongkong, 24th January, 1883. [87]

Intimations.

IMPORTANT INTIMATION.

NOW READY.



(PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.)

THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND
HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST.
A DIRECTORY FOR CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE
PHILIPPINES, FOR THE YEAR 1883.

PRICE TWO DOLLARS.

The above work published at the Office of this Paper, contains a Directory for the Ports in the large portion of Asia comprised between Penang, in the Straits Settlements, and the Northern Chinese Ports, including Wladivostok, Fomosa; the Treaty Ports of China and Japan; the Philippine Islands; the British Colony of Hongkong; and the Portuguese Colony of Macao. The work will also contain the Principal Treaties between European countries and the United States and the countries East of the Straits, including the New Treaties between

RUSSIA AND CHINA,
BRAZIL AND CHINA,
AND

THE KOREAN TREATY;
together with conditions of Trade, and the Port, Customs, Consular, and Harbour Regulations for the Ports of China and Japan; and a description of the Ports, with the latest Trade Statistics taken from the Reports of the Imperial Maritime Customs and other reliable sources.

The various Governments and Municipal Corporations have been applied to for information, and all Public Bodies and Companies, Bankers, Merchants, Consuls, and Professional and other Residents, have supplied the necessary matter to ensure correctness; upon forms sent for that purpose. The Naval and Military portion has been taken from the latest published official lists and revised at Headquarters; in fact no pains have been spared to make "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" a handy and perfectly reliable book of reference for all classes.

In addition to the information enumerated above "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1883 contains a complete

INDEX TO THE ORDINANCES OF
HONGKONG;
A SPECIAL LIST OF FOREIGNERS
employed in Steamers making short voyages
from Hongkong;

THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES
of the Principal Government Officials, the Lead-
ing Merchants, the Foreign Consuls,
Professional Men, Justices of
the Peace, &c.

A LADIES DIRECTORY FOR HONGKONG,
AND

A Mass of interesting information on various
subjects, culled from the most trustworthy
sources.

A SPECIAL FEATURE
IN THIS PUBLICATION IS A
CHAPTER ON SPORT,
dealing with almost every branch of sport
including RACING, CRICKET,
ATHLETICS, AQUATICS,
&c., &c., &c.

THE WINNERS of all IMPORTANT RACES
at HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, FOCHOW,
and AMOY, with times, and other interesting
particulars, carefully compiled from the most
reliable sources make "THE HONGKONG
DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR
EAST," a *valde necesse* for all classes of
sportsmen.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND
HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1883
is printed on a superior quality of Paper
with a NEW FOUNT OF TYPE, specially ordered
for the work, from THE PATENT TYPE
FOUNDING COMPANY, Red Lion Square,
Holborn, London, and bound in a fashion
unsurpassed by any work of the kind ever
published in the FAR EAST.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND
HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" will, in
order that it may circulate extensively outside
this Colony, be published at a POPULAR
PRICE, and can be ordered at This Office for

TWO DOLLARS.

There is not space in the compass of an
Ordinary Advertisement to detail all the information
introduced into the work, but it may be fairly
asserted that no such Directory has ever been
published, either in Hongkong, or any other part
of the East, at the Price.

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND
HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST," offers
Special Advantages as an Advertising Medium.
It will have an extensive circulation in all Ports
between Singapore and Newchwang, and the
scale of charges has been fixed at an exceptionally
low rate. Terms can be learned on application.

Suggestions for the improvement of this work
are respectfully solicited.

Orders for COPIES, and for ADVERTISE-
MENTS may be sent to the Agents at the various
Ports, or to

"THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH,"
OFFICE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1883.

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.
INVITE INSPECTION OF A WELL
SELECTED STOCK OF
FANCY CHRISTMAS
GOODS,

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS
IN GREAT VARIETY.

SWEETS AND CONFECTIONERY.

FANCY SATIN COVERED BOXES.

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CHRISTMAS CARD ALBUMS.

IVORY BACK HAIR BRUSHES
SCIENTIFIC TOYS.

ATKINSON'S, HENDRIE'S, AND LUBIN'S
PERFUMES.

&c., &c., &c.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
CHEMISTS, DRUGGISTS
AND

PERFUMERS.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED 1841.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating
to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be ad-
dressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph"
and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The
Editor" and not to individual members of the
staff.

Communications intended for publication must
be accompanied by the name and address of the
writers, not necessarily for publication; but as
evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Tele-
graph will always be open for the fair discus-
sion of all questions affecting public
interests, it must be distinctly understood that
the Editor does not in any way hold himself re-
sponsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices
intended for insertion in this day's issue not later
than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to retard the
early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish
The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Sub-
scribers in the central districts who do not receive
their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by
at once communicating with the Manager.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1883.

DESTRUCTION OF THE STEAMER
"CARISBROOKE" BY FIRE.

The steamer *Carisbrooke*, 869 tons, well
known for a number of years as a trader between
this port, Amoy, Swatow and the Straits, was
lying peacefully at anchor in the western section
of the harbor this morning about 1.15 when the
alarm of fire was given. Guns were fired and
blue lights shown, and these with the red glare
which lit up the sky caused much excitement
amongst those who, for business or pleasure,
were abroad at that early hour. The fire is
believed to have originated in the room of one of
the boys on board, and it is supposed that he
must have been smoking opium, and knocked
his lamp over in his sleep.

This, however, is mere surmise, and we are of
opinion that the true cause of the outbreak of
the fire will forever remain a mystery. In a
short time the demon had secured a good
hold on the waist of the steamer and was
rapidly travelling fore and aft, nothing being
done on board to prevent the fire from spreading.
The steamer arrived from Amoy and Swatow
yesterday and was advertised to sail for Singapore
this morning, having on board over five hundred
passengers, and a general cargo. The great
number of passengers without doubt added to the
general confusion after the discovery of the fire,
and prevented that cool action which is so neces-
sary in such cases, and which, in the
present instance might have saved the ill-fated
steamer from becoming a total wreck. Numbers
of the passengers got into the water and swam
ashore, making their way to No. 7
Police Station. The alarm spread with rapidity
to the different fire stations and many energetic
members were promptly on the spot. Captain
Deane, Superintendent of Police, Inspector Cra-
dock, and the water police displayed great
energy in getting the police ladders, junks and
cargo boats alongside the burning steamer and
taking off the crew and passengers who were
mostly jammed forward, and could not get aft
to the boats hanging in the davits. About a quarter
past two Whitehead and Campbell of the Govern-
ment Fire Brigade arrived with No. 3 Government
steam fire-engine but could do nothing towards
quelling the flames. The engine was eventually
placed at Howard's Wharf. Mr. Wassenius, the
Government Fire Brigade engineer, was also amongst
the first to arrive, but, as the new floating fire
engine is at present snugly tucked up in the
Humphreys Dock, undergoing repairs, he was
powerless to move to any purpose. We under-
stand that the floating engine will be ready for use
in a few days, and feel sure that had it been
available on the present occasion, with steam up,
the damaged steamer *Carisbrooke* would have been
saved.

Mr. C. V. Creagh, Superintendent of the
Government Fire Brigade, and his deputy, Mr.
Carvalho, were on the scene of action shortly
after two o'clock, but, although there were
many able and willing hands to assist, the
means at their disposal were simply not up to the
task.

fire quietly burnt itself out. The Hongkong and
Whampoa Dock Company's steamer *Fame*
came down to the burning ship about half past
three and stood by to render assistance, and
shortly before six o'clock the naval brigade from
the *Audacious* arrived with torpedoes for the
purpose of blowing up the vessel; these, however,
were not called into requisition as the bilges
were opened and the steamer was gradually
settling into the water. The foremast fell over
on the starboard side shortly after six o'clock
and the *Carisbrooke* got lower and lower in the
water as the tide filled. Had the wind changed
round it might have been rather dangerous for
the premises of the Gas Company, the burning
steamer being only some two hundred yards dis-
tant. We are glad to learn that, so far as has
been ascertained, there has been no loss of life
connected with this sad affair, the whole of the
crew and passengers having got ashore in safety.
Those saved from the wreck who took shelter
in No. 7 Police Station were sent to the Tung-
wa hospital where their wants were well attended
to. The *Carisbrooke*, when we visited her, was
lying abreast of the Gas Works in about five
fathoms of water, the davits, deck rails and
upper portion of the funnel being alone visible.
The present catastrophe should prove a solemn
warning to those whom it most concerns, to see
that proper fire extinguishing arrangements are
ever ready on board those steamers which are
constantly carrying such enormous numbers of
human souls between the ports, as it cannot be
doubted that, had the fire broken out during the
night while the steamer was out on the ocean,
many lives would have been lost. There will
probably be an enquiry to ascertain the cause of
the fire, but we shall be much mistaken if any-
thing satisfactory leaks out. We can only hope
that this lesson will not fail to have its due effect
on shipowners generally, and on owners of Chinese
passenger ships in particular.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 25th January.

EGYPTIAN FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.
Mr. Colvin has been appointed Financial Ad-
viser to the Egyptian Government.

FRENCH POLITICS.

The Empress Eugenie has reunited the Bonapartist party, and returned to London.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

ACCORDING to the Shanghai *Mercury* a part of
the Taotai's contribution to the exhibition at
Amsterdam has been shipped by the *Stentor*. It
measured 350 tons.

We really cannot see that the letter signed "A
Macao Teacher" is of the slightest interest to
anybody in Macao or elsewhere; besides, the
name and address of the writer have not been
forwarded, and we can make no exception to our
established rule to insert no correspondence which
is not properly authenticated.

We would remind our readers that the Italian
Opera Company will perform at the Theatre
Royal, City Hall, this evening, for the benefit of
Signor Ciocci, Donizetti's attractive opera
"Maria di Rohan." We trust a full house will
show their appreciation of the popular baritone's
sterling abilities as singer and actor.

CONSIDERABLE apprehension having existed
lately with reference to the dread scourge of
small-pox in the community of Shanghai, the
(*Mercury*) are in a position to state, on good
authority, that the disease is sensibly diminish-
ing; there being now only twelve foreigners laid
up with it in "Pest House" on the Soochow
Creek.

A SCRATCH race in four-oared Canton cutters will
be rowed over the mile course from Yau-mah-ti
to opposite the Government Pier at Tsim-tai-
tsi this afternoon starting at 5 p.m. A steam
launch to accompany the race will leave Peddar's
Wharf at 4.30. The following three crews will
compete:—

"SHANROCK."	
Mr. E. W. Rutter.....	1
Mr. E. Osborne.....	2
Mr. T. R. Fisher.....	3
Mr. C. W. Richards.....	(stroke)
"KORNBULME."	
Mr. H. Leffmann.....	1
Mr. W. Paritt.....	2
Mr. C. Colpe.....	3
Mr. S. W. Lane.....	(stroke)
"LEEK."	
Mr. C. P. Lloyd.....	1
Mr. H. E. Angier.....	2
Mr. S. Cope.....	3
Mr. J. A. Stewart-Lockhart.....	(stroke)

"It is my painful duty," said the President of
the Detroit Line Club, as he opened the
meeting, "to inform you that death has again be-
trayed our circle. Brudner Silpbach Burbanks,
of Syracuse, N.Y., am no mo' on airth. He
breathed his last three days ago, after an illness
of sixteen days. What axshun will de club take
in de matter?" "I move dat we send de widder
a resolution of sympathy," announced Judge
Cadaver. "I reckon dat we had better resolve
dat de club has lost a shinin' light," timidly added
Pickles Smith. "De club will neither resolve
nor for'd any resolutions of sympathy," remarked
the President. "De widder an' chilen can't eat
a resolution, eben if written in blue ink." De
Sekretary will mail her a \$10 greenback from de
club funds and express de hope dat she am doin'
well under de circumstances. "Dis club has
lost no shinin' light by de death of Brudner Bur-
banks. He was no sinner. Fact am he was a
werry common sort of a hump-backed, cull'd
pusson, an' it took him as long to add seven an'
eight together as it would some odder men to
aim 37. He was accomplished in nothin'; he
excelled only in killin' time when at work by de
day. He would be no better off if we said forty-
lyin' children on his character. He can be no
worse off if we tell de honest truth. De usual
emblem of sorrow will be hung to de knob of de
inner door for de space of two weeks, an' we will
remember Brudner Burbanks as extremely good
saluted eben if extremely lazy."

We note from the *Mercury* that the Yangtze is
full of drift ice, between Shanghai and Hankow,
such as has not been seen for many years.

THE editor of a religious print thus introduces a
poem to his readers: "The following lines were
written more than sixty years ago, by one who
has slept many years in his grave merely for his
own amusement."

ACCORDING to the New York *Herald* a new
mechanical contrivance for utilizing solar heat
has recently been patented by a Washington ex-
pert, which seems to combine cheapness, sim-
plicity and efficiency. Some time ago M. Mouchot,
a French experimenter, constructed a "solar
generator," which demonstrated how the immense
reservoir of power in the sun could be applied
for mechanical purposes, and last August his
pupil, M. Pifre, exhibited an insulator, by means
of which he concentrated the sun's rays, heated a
boiler placed in the focus of the reflector and,
by a small vertical motor attached, was enabled
to run a printing press. The Washington in-
ventor, Mr. William Calver, uses a number of
mirrors, arranged in rows upon a frame so fixed
that they can be converged upon any one point,
and it is said with his apparatus metals requiring
a temperature of 700° to melt them are soon
reduced to a liquid state. It seems strange
that mechanical ingenuity has not busied it-
self more to devise some effective means of
utilizing the dynamical effect of the sun's
radiation, which Sir William Thompson calcu-
lated, on Poullet's determination of the amount
of solar radiation, to be equivalent at the sun's
surface to 63,000 horse-power for each square
yard of that surface, but which Prof. Langley's
recent researches show to be even greater. M.
Pifre's "insulator," though tested on a day not
very hot, and when the sun was occasionally
clouded, worked his printing press for four hours
while printing on an average five hundred copies
of a journal prepared for the occasion. "It seems
evident that in hot countries," says *La Nature*,
"the use of heliodynamics ought some times to
prove effective and economical." In the cloudless
trade-wind regions, where the sun's rays bear
with so much force, and especially in rainless and
elevated sub-tropical countries, there can be no
doubt the sun's energy can be utilized economi-
cally by the aid of such generators, which may
often be found invaluable in places where no
fuel for the supply of artificial heat can be
obtained.

ALL THE YEAR ROUND, in an amusing article on
"Blundered Advertisements," has the following:
—Nowhere are more ludicrous blunders to be
met with than in the compositions of advertisers,
due, no doubt, in some measure to the restraint
imposed by limited space, and it is scarcely pos-
sible to look through the columns devoted to
these in any of the principal daily papers with-
out meeting numerous instances, of the inability
of many persons to state exactly what they wish
to announce, and of very loose use of words and
phrases, frequently giving rise to amusing am-
biguity. Thus we all know of the unclean beings
desirous of improving their physical condition,
who, in the *Times*, announced, "Two sis-
ters want washing," and of the tobacco
manufacturer's ideas of public propriety, as
evidenced by his advertisement, "Twenty
boys wanted to strip." We are aware, too, of
the existence of the *enfant terrible* for whom was
required "a handsome Shetland pony suitable
for a child with a long main and tail," and we
have heard of the lady whose idea of her own
physique is ingeniously conveyed in the intima-
tion that she has for disposal "a splendid lady's
gold watch." It is not alone "splendid ladies"
who part with their watches in this way, for
every day the public are informed through the
same medium that there is for sale an "excellent
lady's gold watch," "a beautiful lady's watch,"
or "a small gold-faced lady's watch." Women
of peculiar personal appearance, too, occasionally
engage in barter of this class, for, recently, a
purchaser was wanted for "a black highly-ornam-
ented lady's fan." When the vendor is of the
other sex, we have for sale a "massive gentleman's
gold chain," "a most reliable gentleman's gold
watch," or "a rich gentleman's gold chain." No
doubt some of those who adopt this style of ex-
pression are ready to enter into a defence of it
by an argument respecting adjectives and their
relation to nouns. But what excuse will be
advanced by the author of the following, which
appeared a few months ago in the *Times*, showing
on the part of the advertiser some extraordinary
ideas respecting horse flesh. "For sale, a four-
wheeled covered business horse and cart."
"Wanted, a piano by a lady with modern legs,"
has before now met the public eye. Can that
lady have emigrated? There is a strong suspicion
that it is her hand which is seen in the charming
composition: "A piano for sale by a lady who
is about to proceed on a long voyage in a walnut
case," &c. What is the nationality of the author
of this announcement, which was published
in a Manchester newspaper: "A foreign
gentleman could be received into the house
of a gentleman who is desirous to learn English
conversationally, and would have all home
comfort." Here is another: "A vacancy
occurs for a little girl in the family of a
motherly lady, requiring kind but firm treat-
ment." An advertiser in the *Standard* evidently
thinks a beast of burden may entertain an ob-
jection to carry a person of indifferent moral
character when he writes: "Wanted a quiet
pony for an invalid young gentleman that has no
vicious habits." A nice child was described
a short time ago in the *Daily Telegraph* as
"Wanted a nurse for an infant between twenty-
five and thirty, a member of the Church of
England and without followers." An auctioneer,
advertising in a Belfast paper, shows the posses-
sion of some curious notions of ornithology,
when in describing a property for sale he states
"the mountain is well stocked with hares, rab-
bits, and other wild fowl." This man of the
hammer must surely have a near relative in the
person of a correspondent to the same paper,
who stated that a rabbit dog, during pursuit, was
observed in biting "a woman, a child, a horse, and
several other ducks and hens."

THE subjoined advertisement recently appeared
in a Victorian paper:—"On the 14th September,
Geelong, Frederick, eldest grandson of Henry
Smithers, of Brighton, Sussex, England, to Alice,
relict of the late George Cordy Smithers, of Geel-
long, son of the above." How can one unravel
this relationship? If Frederick is the son of
George, he has married his father's wife, and is at
once husband and son. If George was his father's
brother, he has married his aunt, and is husband
and nephew. If George was Frederick's son,
Frederick is united to his own daughter-in-law,
and is father-in-law to his own wife. In the latter
case, what fatherhood is he—but we had better
stop here to avoid making confusion worse con-
founded.

How, asks Dr. Nicholls in the *Food Reform
Magazine*, are we to get at the proper quantity of
food? Animals living in a state of nature do not
over-eat themselves. They stop eating when
they have got enough. There are no prize cattle
on the prairies. It is the stalled ox and the pig
in his pen, deprived of exercise, that can be fat-
tened into a diseased obesity. Horses escape
this process, because men do not, to any great
extent, knowingly devour them. The hunter and
racer are not over-fed. All animals expected
to do their work are carefully fed as to quality
and quantity. If human beings were fed as
wisely, they would be as healthy. There are
some good rules for feeding as to quantity. When
our food is simple and natural in kind and quality
and mode of preparation there is little danger of
eating too much. There is little danger, for ex-
ample, of eating too many grapes, apples, pears,
and bananas. Salt, sugar, spices, and luxurious
cooking tempt to excess. With men, as with
animals, a natural diet is self-limiting, and we are
disposed to stop when we have got enough. The
more artificial the food, the more elaborate and
luxurious the feast, the more the liability to over-
load the stomach, overtax the digestive power,
and overweight the forces of life. Simplicity of
food is a condition of health, and promotes
longevity. The quantity of food which enables
a man to do his daily work, without loss of weight
is precisely what he requires. He supplies the
daily waste—no more, no less. This quantity
may vary a little with each individual, but every-
one can easily ascertain his measure of require-
ment by reducing the quantity of daily food until
he finds a balance of force and weight. It is my
opinion that the average quantity of water-free
aliment required, say by business and literary
men, is twelve ounces. Men of great muscular
activity may require sixteen to twenty ounces. I
have found myself in very good condition for
sedentary work on eight or ten ounces. When
any one is in good condition for his work and
keeps his normal weight he has food enough.
Dr. Nicholls's advice is, find this quantity by
experience and then habitually keep it.

THE oasis of Figuig, which has been frequently
referred to of late in connection with the insur-
rection of native tribes against French rule, is
the largest in Algeria. It is situated in a vast
plain, surrounded on the east and west by a
forest nearly five miles in length, and protected
to the north and south by gentle declivities. Two
rivers run through it and make it proverbial for
its fertility. The oasis of Figuig contains eight
Arab villages (ksours), which form two groups
separated by a plain. Six of these villages are
in the north and two in the south of the oasis;
the largest one being called Zenaga. The oasis
is protected by a hedge of palm trees,
which have grown the one into the other, and
by a sunken fence six feet wide by
three deep, while each village has its separate
rampart. There are upwards of 200,000 palm
trees inside the oasis, and the gardens are very
well supplied with water, the property in which
has always been a cause of discord among the
natives, and has from time to time led to pitched
battles between the inhabitants of the two vil-
lages. In addition to the palm tree, the fig, the
olive, the pomegranate and apricot are grown in
great abundance, and the gardens yield heavy
crops of every description of vegetable, much of
this produce being exchanged for wheat and bar-
ley with the caravans which come from the Tell
and Tafilalet twice a year. The herds of cattle and
the flocks of sheep and goats owned by the natives
graze in the pastures which are to be found out-
side the oasis, and ride upon them by adjoining
tribes are by no means rare. The people of
Figuig can muster 15,000 combatants, and con-
centrated behind their light fortifications and palm
trees, they are not to be held too cheap, especially
as the oasis is a harbor of refuge for all the
desperate characters from the Algerian border.
The country is under the nominal authority of
the Emperor of Morocco, and its inalienability is
guaranteed by the international treaty of 1845,
which provides in clause 4 that, while the
French shall be free to take any measures they
may think fit against the malcontents of the
Sahara, all subjects of the Emperor of Morocco
shall be exempt from their authority.

MACAO.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Macao, 26th January, 1883.
Mr. A. Bastos, Jr., the well-known advocate
has been lately discredited the *Macao* by a
leader in favour of the late diplomatic mission to
Japan, signed by himself as Secretary to the
mission.
The *Verdade*, a Portuguese newspaper of re-
dical principles has also recently published some
very sensible comments on this same infamous
mission of Governor Graça to Japan. Mr. Bas-
tos had been a "little roughly" handled by the
Shanghai correspondent of that journal, hence
the stupid and vain defence of the worthy ad-
vocate, who, blinded by selfishness and egoism,
has brought down the *Macao* from its high
standard of independence and impartiality to a
system of base flattery and ignominious praise
of the Government and Governor of Macao.
It will be remembered how the *Macao* in the
month ago vilified Governor Graça for his ill-con-
siderate conduct towards the liberty of the press, and
marked for itself a clear path of independent
criticism on the policy of the Portuguese Govern-
ment of Macao. Well, this same organ has now
gone out of time to subvert to Mr. Bastos's
views. It is really a pity to see such a well-
organized publication going down on its knees
to praise and adore the same individual who a
month ago was so justly censured and con-
demned for his abuses both as Governor and
as a man.
The *Macao* has a committee, during the
last year, and public opinion is fairly aroused
against that paper, who will soon see the back
of the local press.

MEETING OF THE HONGKONG
HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

An ordinary meeting of shareholders in the
above Company was held at the Hongkong Hotel
to-day, at noon. There were present, W. K.
Hughes, (Chairman) H. G. James, D. McCulloch,
A. dos Remedios, (Directors) H. Foss, E. Georg,
E. Jones Hughes, J. H. Cox, H. H. Nelson, J. R.
Anton, B. Goldsmith, C. J. Holliday, S. Hughes,
E. George, A. Wemyss, M. B. Polishwalla, and
L. Hauschild, (Secretary).

After the notice convening the meeting had
been read by the Secretary the Chairman said:—
Gentlemen, the report of the Directors for pre-
sentation at this meeting has been in circulation
for some time, and deals so fully in detail with
the business to be brought before you that there
is nothing more to add, and I propose that it be
taken as read. I will, however, be happy to
answer any questions which may be considered
necessary.

The Chairman proposed the adoption of
the report, and also that the accounts be passed
as shown by the statement of accounts accom-
panying the Directors' report.

Mr. H. Foss seconded the proposition which
was carried unanimously.

The Chairman then stated that the Directors
would prefer to leave the matter of considering
the advisability of having only one auditor in-
stead of two to the discretion of the meeting. He
would propose that Messrs. A. E. Vaucher, and
H. Cox, (Shareholders in the Company) be
elected as auditors for the half year as reason-
able and fair remuneration, these gentlemen
having, with the well-being of the Company in
view, offered themselves as auditors at a nominal
figure.

The motion was seconded by Mr. H. G. James,
and carried unanimously.

Messrs. D. McCulloch and A. dos Remedios,
the retiring Directors, were proposed for re-
election by Mr. E. Georg, seconded by Mr. Jones
Hughes and re-elected unanimously.

The Chairman said he had much pleasure in
informing the meeting that the dividend warrants,
payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank,
would be ready for issue on Monday morning.
There being nothing further to be brought before
the meeting, an adjournment of five minutes was
made when the Secretary read the notice con-
vening the extraordinary meeting of Shareholders
for the purpose of expunging rule 33 from the
articles of association.

The motion was proposed by Mr. D. McCul-
loch, seconded by Mr. A. dos Remedios, and
carried unanimously.

The Chairman stated that due notice would
be given of a meeting to be held to confirm the
business just concluded, and that there was
nothing more to bring before them at present.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by
Mr. H. Foss, was passed and the meeting sepa-
rated.

THE LOVER'S PLOT.

Sir George Mackenzie, who flourished in the
last half of the seventeenth century, was one of
most eminent jurists ever known in Scotland,
besides being a brilliant man of letters. He in-
herited wealth, and during his busy life he
added so much to it that he became one of the
wealthiest men of his time. As a politician he
was self-willed and stubborn, and at times
violent. Between himself and the young Earl
of Bute a strong political difference existed,
which neither showed a disposition to harmonize.
Yet the Earl had fallen deeply in love with Sir
George's daughter, and the love was by her
returned. The lovers knew that the stern old
advocate would not consent to their union. In
fact it is doubtful if Sir George would have
admitted Bute to his house as a friend. His
feelings were deep and bitter, and he had been
heard to denounce the Earl as little better than
a renegade.

The lovers put their heads together and con-
sulted. They were eager to be made man and
wife. Of course, the young lady could elope and
be married clandestinely, and the father could
not help himself; but, ah! he could disinheri-
tate his recalcitrant daughter; and that must not be.
The young Earl was not mercenary. The damsel's
prospective wealth, as heiress of her rich father,
had given her not a particle of extra attraction
for him; yet he did not like the idea of having
his wife deprived of her just inheritance; and
naturally he did not care to lose such a grand
estate—for this daughter was an only child.
At length the Earl hit upon a plan, and re-
solved to act upon it. He visited Sir George in
his chambers, while the latter held the office
of King's Advocate, and appealed to him for
assistance.

Now, as man to man, in matters of business,
or in any way not involving brotherly love, Sir
George held the young Earl in high esteem; and
there was no man of his acquaintance whom he
would have more readily assisted legally.
Furthermore, the advocate had not the remotest
idea that Bute either loved his daughter, or that
he was familiar with her.

"Sir George," said the Earl, when he was
ready to open his business, "there is

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND
MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

The ordinary half yearly meeting of shareholders in the above named Company was held in the Offices, Queen's Road Central, yesterday afternoon. Mr. E. R. Bellis, the chairman of the Company presided, and there were present the Hon. F. Bulkeley Johnson, Mr. A. McIvor, and Mr. W. Reiners (Directors) the Hon. P. Kyrie, and Messrs. J. M. Fleming, A. E. Vaucher, J. F. da Rosa, J. M. Armstrong, H. Foss, H. Hopkins, P. Jordan, J. T. Chater, S. E. Ezra, H. Ismail, G. C. Cox, J. Inglis, T. Collaça, E. M. Polshwalla, J. M. V. de Figueiredo, J. C. da Cunha and P. A. da Costa (Secretary).

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, with your consent we will take the report as read at this meeting. Referring to the accounts, you will observe that out of \$50,347.43 carried forward when we last assembled here we have spent \$21,242.04. To the balance in hand we have added only \$13,495.96 from the earnings of the half-year, thus carrying to new account the desirable sum of \$42,601.35 to meet all dependencies. During the period under review we have not collected so large a sum as that shown in our profit and loss account for the corresponding half-year in 1881. This is due to the stoppage of the emigration of Chinese to Australia and California. The number of travellers by the combined fleet of the two companies has decreased from 265,710 to 258,033 between Canton and Hongkong, and from 52,126 to 45,775 between Macao and this colony. The alterations to the steering gear and the enlargement of the rudder of the *Honan* have made her as manageable as any steamer can be in shallow water. Her consumption of coal is just in accordance with our contract with the builders; but at a reduced speed proportionate to the reduced number of revolutions made by the engines her consumption of fuel is not very small. However, all efforts are being made to remedy this defect in her combustion chamber. New boilers to cost \$27,000 have been ordered for the *Kiuhang*, and a similar expenditure of \$12,000 will be required for the *Yotsai*. Provision for these will be necessary within the next twelve months. After this expenditure has been defrayed your fleet will be thoroughly efficient for many years to come. Unless there is any matter you would like to ascertain, I propose that the report and accounts be adopted.

There being no questions asked Mr. Hoppius formally seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The Chairman—The next and only other business, gentlemen, is the re-election of the retiring auditors. Mr. Reiners—I beg to propose the re-election of Messrs. L. Hauschild and A. Arnold as auditors. Mr. J. T. Chater seconded and the proposal was carried unanimously. The Chairman—The dividend will be payable from and after Monday, next. This is all the business, gentlemen, and we have to thank you for your attendance.

Mr. J. F. da Rosa proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Directors, and Secretary, which was carried by acclamation.

SPORTING GOSSIP.

Now that the programmes have been issued and the race lotteries commenced, training matters are becoming intensely interesting. As we are within a little more than three weeks from the opening day, trainers will have to put in a lot of strong galloping work between now and then in order to bring the various candidates to the post in racing condition. What is professionally known as condition is merely a relative term, in as much as the amount of work required to bring a race horse or pony fit to the post, can be gauged by no fixed standard, and is altogether dependent on the temperament and constitution of the animal. Some horses run best when drawn very fine, others again require to be big and above themselves before being able to show their best form. It is in this respect exactly the same with China ponies as it is with thoroughbred horses, making allowance, of course, for the physical differences in these two examples of the equine species. Different trainers have different methods, and various systems of training; the object in each case being the same, namely, to bring the animal to the post fit to run. According to that renowned master of the trainer's art, Mr. Robert Top, (facetiously known amongst his intimates as "Old Turnip") fit for the post means as much pluck as can be raised through high feeding; as much muscle as can be got through exercise, good and strong work; as little fat as can be left without making the animal stale on his legs, or what is equally as bad, stale in his heart; and in short, it means that the racer must be as light, fresh, and strong in wind and limb, as mortal means can make him. The most lengthy and most discursive treatise on condition in race horses ever written could not more thoroughly explain what "fit for the post" means than the above few sage and practical observations, which represent the life long experience of the head of that well known family the Tops.

The trainer who brings his charges to the starting post on the 21st of next month in the condition indicated by Mr. Robert Top's practical views as to what "fit to run" actually means, will have no reasons to reproach himself if his ponies fail to make their mark. He may safely rest assured that they are out-classed and fairly beaten on their merits. But I venture to think that very few ponies indeed will face the starter in—let us say the Hongkong Derby, in perfect condition. There are some trainers who know nothing whatever of that noble animal, which has been rightly named man's best friend, beyond what may be acquired by the very superficial and imperfect study afforded by an occasional visit to the stable, and a reference to some proxy author, and such men merely regard racers as so many machines, and treat them accordingly. However, as the horse is not like a watch or a steam engine, that can be wound up and started at full pressure at any and all times; but one of the most delicate and complicated of living things, trainers who prepare their racers by fixed rule—and there are many such—can scarcely be expected to attain the same measure of success. In a most difficult art, as those who have made the subject an almost life-long study, and who are intimately acquainted with the animal's anatomy and his habits, disposition and history, it is merely a question of science against vulgar

tradition, an intelligent appreciation (inspired by a thorough acquaintance with the animal's habits and physical attributes) of a certain aim to be obtained by intelligent means against a methodical system based on sheer ignorance.

Almost without knowing it I have been led into making these desultory remarks, which it is hardly necessary to say are not intended to have any personal application. And yet in good truth there are at present several ponies in training—I will not say how many—which have been completely ruined by this training by a system which appears to be as unchangeable as the boasted laws of the Medes and Persians. The constitution and temperament of a pony appear to be of no consequence whatever to certain so-called trainers. Whether the animal be well or ill, sick or sorry, he has a certain amount of trotting or cantering to get through, and so long as he keeps sound on his legs and does not absolutely refuse his oats, the knowing trainer flatters himself that he is going the right way to bring him fit to the post. Now, it is a fact universally recognised that the most scientific, the most experienced, and the most careful trainers in the world sometimes make mistakes; and frequently fail in training certain animals. But very rarely indeed is this the fault of the trainer; it is, as a rule, the inferior quality of the article he has to work upon. Be that as it may, it is an undoubted fact that ignorance of even the rudimentary principles of training, which, as I have already said, is a conspicuous feature in many instances in our local racing world, has ruined scores of valuable animals, that in better hands would have won many races.

Perhaps the sage precepts of my worthy friend "Old Turnip" (I can assure my readers that the person I allude to by this most disrespectful style of address is not my ancient crony Lord Charles of the Shanghai *Mercury*) may give one or two of our self-opinionated masters of the art of training race-horses, what is vulgarly called—"a wrinkle." Mr. Top observes—"Now, those jolly muffs, the Thickeds, who never learn anything they ought to know, and never forget anything they oughtn't to have learnt, in putting a string of asses through the sieve, often treat 'em all alike. They don't find out, in the first place, what one ass can bear, and what another can't. Sweat and work, and sweat, is the rule of the Thickeds; and, when they've trained an ass almost to death, he's stripped to run with about as much pluck in him as a half-drowned cat. Then again," said Robert Top, drawing a hand from the depth of one of his pockets, and extending it in a manner as if addressing the Speaker of the House of Commons, or the head of an equally august assembly—"then again," repeated he, "look at the training of the Thickeds with regard to the legs. They, the precious duffers, can't see when it's time to draw it mild in respect to the legs, but go on with their pipe-openers and rattling gallops just long enough to make 'em shin-sore, and often break 'em down at the very moment they're wanted to pull through a race. That's what the Thickeds do!" concluded Robert Top, with as decided a sneer as ever curled the lip of a lineal descendant of Adam with contempt.

Notwithstanding the threatening character of the weather, and the counter attractions of such an unusual spectacle as a ship on fire (the steamship *Carisbrook* was in full blaze opposite the Sailors' Home at West Point) the racing enthusiasts turned out in large numbers this morning. A few drops of rain fell but the high wind that was blowing gradually dispelled the rain clouds, allowing training operations to be proceeded with without hindrance. There had evidently been a few showers in the Happy Valley during the night, and as a result the race-course, which was thrown open for galloping, was in capital order, and favorable for fast times.

The popular colors of Mr. Henry were the first seen on the track, the condition blankets of Incubus and Rialto showing a very tasteful bordering of the well known "mauve and straw." The two ponies named galloped a mile at a steady pace the clocks registering as the various "quarter" posts were passed 35, 73, 151, and 235 respectively. Shamrock trotted several miles, and then Dauntless was twice spun out for a quarter of a mile, moving in good form and pulling up sound. Lord of the Isles after galloping a quarter, overpowered his jockey, and eventually was pulled up dead lame. Silver-streak was ridden hard for six furlongs, and finished in greatly improved form. The spotted one's chum, Buggins, also went in far better form than he has done for a long time past. Mr. Hutchings rode Peanut a steady canter, the handsome bay subscription pony appearing to go very gingerly when called upon at the finish. Wild Fang, ridden by Achce, cantered half a mile, covering the last quarter at an easy pace in 34 seconds. Red Robin, after a long spell of trotting, strode along at about half speed, but hardly in his best form. Zagzag and Malcriado galloped in company, the chequer pulling over his stable companion the whole journey. Chillin Callum and Scotch Reel "powed" the length of the straight at full speed; the roan showing the better speed.

The "Horse" had a difficult task to keep Tajmahal from running away. The old pony was as fresh as a yearling, and swept over the ground with that long, easy stride which has borne him to the front in many a well-contested race. Salmanaasar, in the skilful hands of Mr. Hutchings, galloped at a steady pace; his last three quarters occupying 1:55. Driving Cloud had a lot of exercise, galloping at half speed over a mile and a half after a long spell of trotting. This hardy old racer looks in good order, and will no doubt, should he remain on his legs, add two or three more triumphs to those already scored over his favorite battle ground, Mr. St. Vincent's Derby.

gulf Ambassador was reported to have covered the Derby distance in 3:45. I timed the six furlongs race, and the last quarter 32 seconds. Blunder was sent for a mile and three quarters at about half speed. Mr. Hutchings riding

I was particularly struck with Wild Walf. This speedy looking griffin went in fine form, his half mile occupying 63 seconds, last quarter 31 1-2th, and will no doubt be installed a prominent favorite for the Derby.

Dutch Oven and Kassassin, the former ridden by the Foochow "crack," galloped once round, starting from and finishing at the Wong-nei-chong starting post. The big pony had much the best of the spin; time—half mile 69 seconds, once round 2:7. In a mile "pow" between Lavender and Rebel, the former ridden by Mr. Nickels won a desperate race by about a length—time for the last three quarters 36 3-4th, 74 1-2th, and 1:48. Little Warlock easily disposed of Bothwell in a quarter of a mile, winning by six lengths in a shade under 28 seconds. The chequer afterwards went a mile and a half at a nice pace; the subscription pony going three quarters—last half mile in 73 seconds. Strathaird and Strathpeffer were indulged with easy work. That improving pony Castigator strode along in racing-like style, as did Shell and Bandman, Merry Monk and Dalesman, and Tallyman and Guardsman in pairs. Shell's mile was covered at a canter in 2:27—last six furlongs 1:47. Airlie, The Dromedary, Satanella, Gil Blas and Triumph all did healthy work, the last named going in such grand form, that it is quite on the cards "the Marquis's" predictions as to the iron grey's easy Derby victory may yet be realised. Second Violin after galloping the length of the straight, was sent half a mile at about three parts speed, Cutty Sark in the same stable going a mile and a quarter. Allegro galloped nearly a mile and a half at a slow pace, and not in his usual taking style. Mendip was ridden by Mr. Allan over the mile course, and considering his utter lack of condition made a very creditable display. The morning's work was concluded by Gang Forward, Darnley and Robbie Burns "powing" a quarter past full speed, the first named winning easily by three lengths in a shade over 30 seconds.

A rumour has been going the rounds that two well known riding mafiosos who had charge of a certain team of racers were bribed by some outsider to privately try several of the ponies, and that the trial actually came off. I am not aware whether this matter has been officially brought before the Stewards or not; but as it has been made a matter of general conversation at the coffee table, an investigation is perhaps desirable. For obvious reasons I refrain from going into details; but in justice to the other mafiosos in the various racing stables in the colony, it is only fair to state that the two enterprising young men, who are said to have managed the trial, are Messrs. Tientsin and Foochow. If rumour is false it is but right that the boys should be relieved from the obloquy attaching to what, under all circumstances, is a most serious charge.

A couple of days ago I regretted to have to chronicle the wholesale misfortunes which had befallen the valuable string of racers belonging to Messrs. Kerfoot and Mount. Such a terrible slaughter of the innocents has never previously been known in the history of our local turf. Misfortunes rarely come singly, and it has been so in this deplorable business. But the Kerfoot-Mount confederacy are not to monopolise the whole bad luck of the racing season. Another stable has lost its one ewe-lamb; another reputed "crack" has joined that band of cripples, of which First Comet, Wild Dash, Filbert and Discount are such distinguished members. Mr. F. S. Gordon has been singularly unfortunate with his griffins. That handsome dun pony Scotch Chief, known in Shanghai as "Young Tajmahal," landed himself beyond all hope of recovery in his box on his way down from the north, and now the shapely Highland Fling has met with such a severe accident that it will be a marvel if he is ever able to face the starter. Whether this favorite of the Derby came to grief in his stall, or lamed himself outside the stable is not accurately known; but it is positively certain that on Tuesday evening Highland Fling was as sound a pony as ever wore a saddle, whilst at 5:30 on Wednesday morning he was quite unable to walk and has not since been able to get out of his box. As this pony's appearance and form must have given him a good chance for the Derby, his loss to Mr. Gordon is a very serious one, especially as the second hope of the stable, Scotch Chief, is also completely horsed combat. The owner of Highland Fling, with Mr. Kerfoot, has good grounds for growling at the cruel vicissitudes of fortune.

AN OLD SPORTSMAN,
Hongkong, 27th January, 1883.

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